(c) whether the Government has realised about the hardship for those who sit and work in this village office;

(d) if so, will they be pleased to provide ceiling to this building at an early date?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(a) No. Only some of the branches of these trees fell down during the cyclone.

(b) The rooms where the records are kept have ceiling, but the central hall has no ceiling.

(c) There might be some hardship in the hot months.

(d) This question will be considered when funds permit.

PANDARAVAKA KANAM AND VERUMPATTAM LANDS— PARTICULARS REGARDING

180. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) were not *Pandaravaka kanam* and *verumpattam* lands at first lands given by the Government to the people to improve and enjoy;

(b) are not *kanam* lands in Chittur such aforesaid lands the *kanam* of which was the sum total of the improvements found in them at the time of *kandezhuthu*; (ചമയക്കാണം അത്ഥകാണമല്ല.)

(c) are not lands originally entrusted sometime under compulsion to people on tenures called നിന്ദം, പിടിക്കമാട്ടം which afterwards by the Proclamation of 27th Kumbham 1080, assigned to the holders and *pattahs* issued, the lands called *Pandaravaka Verumpattam*;

(d) in (2) above are not the *kanams* the value of the improvements made by tenants of *Kudiyirippu* lands;

(e) were not the Government collecting rents (കുടിയിരിപ്പുപണം) direct from the occupants of the *kudiyiruppus* before the settlement and a system of accounts called ചാക്കടി, പോക്കടി maintained;

(f) under the circumstances mentioned above had not the occupiers of *Kudiyiruppu* sole property in the *Kudiyiruppu* lands before the Proclamation of 1080;

(g) was it with the knowledge and consent of the *Kudiyiruppu* tenants that their improvements were

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credited to the *kanam* amount, and also included in the *verumpattam pattahs*;

(*h*) by including their homesteads in the *pattahs* issued to the persons, have not the Government brought them under the *pattadars* and deprived them of their permanent rights;

(*i*) have the Government received complaints from these *kudiyiruppu* tenants who are holding a dependent position owing to the Proclamation, of the *pattadars* trying to evict them on insufficient grounds putting on a superiority complex;

(*j*) what the Government propose to do for giving these *kudiyiruppu* tenants their old permanent rights to withstand in-human, wanton, merciless and unjust attempts of the *pattadars* to evict them?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) to (*i*) Government are not at present in possession of any information on the points raised. It is possible that the old archives of the State may throw light on some of them. But Government do not think that any useful public purpose will be served by delving into them in search of the information.

(*j*) The question does not arise in view of the answers to question (*a*) to (*i*).

Government do not admit that the *kudiyiruppu* tenants had any permanent rights in the land or that the attempts of the *pattadars* to evict them are inhuman, wanton, merciless and unjust or even that they are making any attempts to evict them. The question of conferring permanent occupancy rights on *verumpattam* tenants is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do the Government require to search the old archives to know what has transpired in the year 1080?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* You are speaking of things before 1080, the year of the settlement. Are you asking us to ascertain what was the situation before 1080?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* No, the year previous.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is no record of that previous year. The old records will show what

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exactly continued from that time up to 1080. In the year 1080, there was a settlement. Till then there were only the previous records; whether it was of 1070 or 1050 or 1010, the records are all of the olden times.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What was the method by which revenue was collected in the year 1079?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No information.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Have the Government heard the words "*chakkadi, pokkadi*"?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Then it is not due to my fault; it is due to your own fault and unwillingness to know.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have not heard these words before.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Have the Government heard about "*chamayakkanam*" and "*arthakanam*"?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No, I have not heard.

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The only trouble is, in Chittur Taluk, they call it by all sorts of names.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I have taken these words from Government records. Is there no literature in the possession of the Government regarding taxation?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* These are local terms used there. Where we say "*krishi*" they say "*vellama*".

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it the contention of the Government that there are no cases of eviction in the Chittur taluk?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There may be cases. But there are not cases where the attempts of the landholders to evict are inhuman, wanton, merciless and unjust.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Then what is the meaning in answering "Government do not admit"?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* What Government do not admit is "merciless, wanton and unjust attempts" of eviction. There may be eviction suits instituted for proper reasons.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do the Government know that there was a time when the tenants were paying the taxes direct?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I do not know.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Then how did they know that there was no injustice?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The question relates to merciless evictions. Of course, there are instances where suits have been instituted for proper reasons, such as non-payment of tax, destruction and wastage of property and things like that. They are not cases which could be classified as "merciless, unjust, etc."

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Then are they just or human?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* If there is a waste and denial of the title of the landlord, then it is a proper ground for eviction.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the recent Proclamation would apply to all *kudiyiruppus* in the Chittur Taluk?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is the proclamation, and its application would depend upon the interpretation put by the court.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Do the Government deny any knowledge of the system of land tenure obtaining in the State before 1080?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That question does not arise.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* It does arise, Sir. What is the difficulty which stands in the way of Government to ascertain these things?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It will serve no useful public purpose by doing that. We are shortly going to have a *Verumpattam* Tenants Permanent Settlement Legislation and so where is the necessity of wasting a lot of time in finding out what existed in 1010 or 1079? I think there is absolutely no useful public purpose served by doing it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chitur-Rural):* The purpose of the *kanam* tenants would be served by knowing all these things.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The new Act is going to come into force shortly. Then information of this kind will be of no use.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chitur-Rural):* I want Government to take these things into consideration when the Act is framed.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether this question was received by the Government before the proclamation or after the proclamation?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The question may have been received before that, but the answer was prepared after that.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is the Government aware of any case after the proclamation where such tenants have been attempted to be evicted?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No.

TEACHERS OF P3 GRADE IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, ETC.— PARTICULARS RE.

181. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) (*a*) the number of teachers of English P3 grade in Government Schools;

(*b*) of them, the number of hands who are for the first time appointed in that grade;

(*c*) the number of hands who are in that grade having got promotions from Malayalam Schools;

(2) will the Government further be pleased to print and place on the Table of the House a statement containing the following particulars with regard to the teachers mentioned in (1) (*b*) and (*c*) separately—

(1) names (2) qualification (3) total uninterrupted service in the Education department (4) date of first appointment to the present grade.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(1) (*a*) 118

(*b*) 28

(*c*) 89 plus 1 transferred from Industries Department.

(2) Lists are appended. *(Please see Appendix II).*

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, the difference in the grades of pay of the Malayalam P-3 and English P-3 teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* One is Rs. 17 and the other, Rs. 20—25.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* When making the initial appointments of persons of the same qualifications,

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